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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Customer No. 026418
Attorney's Docket No.: GK-ZEI-3102/500343.20098 Examiner: Gagliardi, A.
Applicant(s): Ralf WOLLESCHENSKY, et al.
U.S. Application No.: 09/924,315 Group Art Unit: 2878
Filing Date: August 7, 2001
Title of Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID CHANGE OF
FLUORESCENCE BANDS IN THE DETECTION OF DYES
IN FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY**

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$950.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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